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Michael Cletus Joyce

17 October 1950 – 19 February 2020



Mr. Michael “Mike” Cletus Joyce died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 69 on 2/19/2020

Mike is survived by his loving husband Michael Jay Stauffer Joyce, the love of his life; Children Brian, Cecelia, and grandchildren that he thought of often; Brothers Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. William Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Joyce, In-laws Gerda Stauffer, sister Lisa Stauffer and nephews, brother Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Stauffer Jr and nephew in NJ and aunts and uncles in Germany, countless friends and LGBTQ/music family of his heart. He is preceded in death by his parents William and Elizabeth Joyce of MO, Sister Barbara Joyce of CO, Sister Priscilla in NE.

Mike was born on Oct 17, 1950 in Nebraska and grew up in Kansas City MO. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1979 with a bachelor’s in music for Organ performance. He earned his master’s degree in choral conducting and a minor in vocal performance from Sam Houston State in 1981. Mike was the Music Director/organist for Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in SJ, he was also the former Organist for St. Andrews Episcopal in Saratoga, and music Director/organist for Cathedral of Annunciation in Stockton. Mike married the love of his life Michael on July 1, 2017.

Mike was an accomplished singer, organist, pianist, and conductor who often volunteered his talent. He was a dedicated individual who loved music, and was passionate in educating individuals in piano, organ and vocal performance. Mike was an active and dedicated member of the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus and did everything he could for the LGBTQ community and advocated for equal rights for all. He has performed with Voices of Hope, Choral Project, and other organizations in the Bay Area, and North Coast Men’s Chorus while living in Cleveland OH. Mike loved sports, he loved the 49ers, SF Giants, SJ Sharks, and GS Warriors. He played football in high school and for KU Jayhawks, before pursuing his music education and career.

A **memorial service** will be **11am on March 7** at **St. Andrews Episcopal Church** 13601 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070 with a reception to follow. Rev. Julia McCray Goldsmith and David Bird will officiate the ceremony along with others in support. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Mike's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations for the organ restoration at Music at Trinity, 81 N 2nd St, San Jose, CA 95112, or San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus 170 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 or to Michael Jay Stauffer Joyce in Mike’s honor.

On **March 15th, 2020** at **3pm** there will be a small service at **Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**, 81 N 2nd St, San Jose, CA, to place Mike’s ashes to rest in the columbarium. **Continued on page 2.**

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Michael Joyce at the Trinity Organ

Mike Joyce was hospitalized 19 Jan after a stroke. Later he developed a high fever and doctors discovered an infected cyst in a back muscle pressing on the spine. He also developed pneumonia and a staph infection and had to have antibiotics administered intravenously for two months. On 15 Feb he was transferred to Valley House Rehab in Santa Clara. He passed away in the morning of 19 Feb 2020.

A “GoFundMe” account for Michael Joyce to help cover his expenses has been established at the following address.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/medical-loss-of-wages-expenses-due-to-stroke?fbclid=IwAR0W63tr1dSQqfh4oEAOxdxSdoVoc1WDbOxo5DCZbIR6LJpheGiRi4Ri1YA>

Mike has been a member of our executive board since July 2018 and has been a great help actively helping with our publicity. We will certainly miss him. 🎵

AGO National Convention

Registration for the American Guild of Organists Convention is now open with discounted rates for those who register prior to November 30th so register soon to save!

See www.agoatlanta2020.com.

See <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/ATLRA/G-AGON> to book your hotel reservation.

Members: If you are going to attend the Atlanta 2020 National AGO Convention, PLEASE let me know your exact dates and how many are going in your party. I know of at least one person who is going and would like to share a room.

Ken Talbot, 408-732-6094, kitalbot@pacbell.net. 🎵

FINAL CALL ...for 2020 Frasier Organ Scholarship Applicants

Have you encouraged someone to apply for the Frasier Organ Scholarship this year? If not, there's still time! Check out the information on our chapter website, and encourage an organ student to apply for the Frasier Organ Scholarship. Or might you consider improving your organ skills, and resuming or continuing your organ studies this year? If you're a member of our San Jose AGO chapter and haven't won the Frasier scholarship before, you too are eligible to apply. Remember our mission statement: “The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.”

You can find the 2020 scholarship qualifications/requirements, application and hymn list on our website. [www.agosanjose.org -- Under “What's New,” click on “Frasier Organ Scholarship”] If you have questions about the scholarship, please contact Valerie Sterk (valeriesterk@gmail.com). The deadline for sending the application (application form and two recommendations) is March 20, 2020; and the auditions will be in late April or in May. Please encourage any potential scholarship applicants now! 🎵

Dates to Remember

🎵 **Student Recital, at Sunnyvale Presbyterian, 27 March 2019 at 7:30 PM.**

April - Easter

🎵 **May 3 Sunday Michael Burroughs, organ, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, Hauptwerke Organ, 5 PM.**

🎵 **13 June, Annual Meeting, Ruth Kamus Recital, Los Gatos Presbyterian Church, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, 4 PM 🎵**

🎵 **11 Sep Friday, Ugo Sforza, organ, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale, 7:30 PM**

Symphonic Schoenstein to Charleston

Jack Bethards

Schoenstein & Co. is building a new three-manual, 14-voice, 16-rank organ for Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community in Charleston, South Carolina. It is in the symphonic style with Great and Swell enclosed and high pressure stops doubly enclosed within the Swell. The third manual borrows solo and ensemble stops from the Great and Swell. The beautiful and resonant chapel is in the traditional Southern Colonial style. The instrument will be free standing in a case elevated at the west end. Installation is scheduled for September 2020. Musical advisor and organ consultant for the project is Nigel Potts, Canon Organist and Master of the Music, Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston. Cummings & McCrady, Inc. are architects of the Chapel and provided this rendering.



Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 14th 10 Mar 2020 at 7:30 PM
Valerie Sterk's Home: 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara, CA

New Address

Jean Drahmann, 6700 Twining Way, Citrus Heights,
CA 95621-0131 (408) 356-2813 ?

HANDEL'S' MESSIAH

COLIN WHITBY-STREVENS

I have been asked to play the organ for this year's Messiah Sing at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, on Palm Sunday, April 5th, at 7pm.

So many performances take place at Christmas time that it is easy to forget that Handel's beloved oratorio is actually Easter music, having first been presented in April of 1742. Come celebrate the season by singing

not only the popular numbers, but also songs in the less familiar Easter section that other programs usually omit. Bring your own score, or purchase one at the door, download a pdf version (see below!), or just relax and listen. We will perform the entire work, from start to finish. If you have ever wanted to sing the whole thing with orchestral accompaniment, this is your chance!



Admission

Free, but required, tickets are available by emailing your name and address and your ticket request, including number of tickets to messiahsing@pclg.org or, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with your ticket request, including number of tickets to

Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos
Attn: Messiah Sing
16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Want a chance to practice? Back again this year: Four informal rehearsals! Come and learn some of the choruses and solos with piano accompaniment. Free admission, no ticket required — just show up at the church!

Want to help? Click here to sign up to volunteer, or click here to sign up to bake cookies!

Rehearsal dates: **Sundays, March 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

Download a PDF copy of the whole score, optimized for your iPad or tablet!

To download the PDF file, please click here.

For more information, please e-mail messiahsing@pclg.org. 🎵

OPEN POSITIONS

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave Pleasanton, is looking for a **Director of Music**. 925-846-0221. This is a part-time hourly position.

Job Description for **Director of Music**

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, Pleasanton, CA
The Director of Music will lead and empower the choir and congregation in joyful participation of weekly music ministry and worship that draws people to discipleship in Jesus Christ through an engaging and theologically sound music program. The Director will supervise the choir, handbell choir, pianist/organist, soloists and other musicians serving as volunteers in music ministry.

1. Oversee all special music whether performed by choirs or soloists.

- A. Planning – to have special music for all worship.
- B. Conduct & Rehearse the Chancel Choir & Coordinate Children's, Direct the Handbell Choir.

2. Interactions with staff: pastoral, administrative and music.

Senior Pastor, Minister for Youth and Children, Supervise the keyboard player(s), Administrative Assistant, Attend staff meetings.

3. General

Develop budget, Determine use of music designated funds, Attend Church Council, Musical Resource Management

Job Type: Part-time: Salary: \$23,000.00 to \$27,000.00 /year. Email résumé and cover letter to:

Vicki Daughtry, vickidaughtry@yahoo.com 🎵

Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, CA, is looking for a **Part-Time Organist/Pianist** to play one to two Sundays a month, a choir rehearsal the Thursday evening proceeding the Sunday playing, and for various church holy days. The salary is very competitive and available upon request.

Abilities: The applicant must have experience playing the organ and piano in church services and accompanying choirs and instrumentalists. Sight reading skills and a background in musical liturgy are required.

PCLG has an average attendance of 300 per Sunday. The organ is a three manual Möller from 1958, expanded twice by Schoenstein & Co. and totaling 39 ranks. It has been fastidiously maintained by Schoenstein & Co. The sanctuary has a Baldwin grand piano, which has had recent voicing and action work, and a Kohler & Campbell grand in the choir room.

The adult Chancel Choir has approximately 30 voices and sings at most Sunday services from early September to the second week in June, as well as for several services in the summer. The congregation is enthusiastic about all kinds of music, with a special appreciation for the pipe organ.

The church currently needs a third organist, who would join a rotating roster with two other organists. Each organist plays one or two times a month throughout the year, depending on the number of Sundays in a month. When the choir is in session, the organist playing a Sunday service usually rehearses with the choir the previous Thursday. The organist uses a piano during the choir rehearsal, which is held in the choir room and led by the music director. The rotating organists decide their schedule, based on their availability and in collaboration with the music director.

Send resume, **references and letter of intention** to: michael.taylor@pclg.org 🎵

Membership Renewal

You can renew by going to www.agohq.org and select "Membership" and then Membership/Update" you can renew anytime by calling the national office (212-870-2310) with a credit card. Be sure to renew now so that you will not miss any ATO issues. 🎵

The Organ Symphonies of Louis Vierne, Stanford Memorial Church

6 May 2020 Wednesday

Joseph Adam, Director of Music and Organist St. James Cathedral, Seattle, **Vierne Symphonie No. 5, Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM**, Free admission, no tickets required, \$10 suggested donation

12 June 2020 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford University Organist, **Vierne Symphonie No. 6, Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM**, Free admission, no tickets required, \$10 suggested donation
Memorial Church, 7:30 PM, Free admission, no tickets required, \$10 suggested donation

Music Calendar Continue

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April 2020

26 Sunday

Collage Vocal Ensemble, St. Bede, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen Chapter event, **4 PM**

May 2020

3 Sunday

☪ **Michael Burroughs**, organ, **St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, demonstration of the New Hauptwerke organ with 5 different organ sample sets, **5 PM** (special music starts after Evensong)

6 May 2020 Wednesday

Joseph Adam, Director of Music and Organist St. James Cathedral, Seattle, **Vierne Symphonie No. 5, Stanford Memorial Church**, **7:30 PM**, Free admission, no tickets required, \$10 suggested donation

8 Friday

South Bay Philharmonic, Foothill Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose, **7:30 PM**, \$12.50 online, \$15 door, Elgar with **Alex Hwang** (Cello), others TBA, See <http://www.southbayphilharmonic.org>

10 Sunday

George H. Fergus (Washing National Cathedral organist), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **4 PM**

17 Sunday

Ensemble Draca, St. Bede, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen Chapter event, **4 PM**

24 Sunday

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim**, organ, **CSMA**, **4 PM** \$10

31 Sunday

Verdi – Messa da Requiem, San José Symphonic Choir, Cal Arte Ensemble, California Theatre, **3 PM**,

Tickets <https://sanjosetheaters.org/theaters/california-theatre/>

June 2020

12 Friday

Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford University Organist, **Vierne Symphonie No. 6, Stanford Memorial Church**, **7:30 PM**, Free admission, no tickets required, \$10 suggested donation

14 Sunday

Jonathan Dimmock (Legion of Honor SF), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **4 PM**

13 Saturday

☪ **13 June, Annual Meeting, Ruth Kamus Recital**, Los Gatos Presbyterian Church, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, **4 PM**

July 2020

24 Sunday

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim**, organ, **CSMA**, **4 PM** \$10

August 2020

23 Sunday

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim**, organ, Cathedral Vierne/Tournemire Festival, Vierne's Symphony No. 4, **CSMA**, **4 PM** \$10

September 2020

11 Friday

☪ **Ugo Sforza**, organ, **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale, **7:30 PM**

27 Sunday

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim**, organ, **CSMA**, **4 PM** \$10

AGO San Jose Music Calendar

Venue Locations

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

CUMC: Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco

☉ Chapter Event ➤ Chapter Member

Every Saturday at 4 PM

Organ, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.
Jonathan Dimmock, organist

March 2020

1 Sunday

David Simon, organ, **GC, 4 PM**

1 Sunday

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim,** organ, **Evensong and Organ Recital, Trinity+St. Peter's Episcopal Church,** 1620 Gough Street (at Bush) San Francisco, **5:30 PM**

8 Sunday

Gail Archer, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**
\$10

8 Sunday

Mateusz Rzewuski (Warsaw Poland), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal,** 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **4 PM**

13 Wednesday

South Bay Philharmonic, Foothill Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose, **7:30 PM,** \$12.50 online, \$15 door, Mozart, Vitali with **Roger Romani** (Horn), others TBA, See <http://www.southbayphilharmonic.org>

15 Sunday

Mathew Fish, David Gonzalez, Guitar Duo, **CSMA, 4 PM** \$10

15 Sunday

EvenSong & Angela Kraft Cross, organ, **St. Bede,** 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen Chapter event, **4 PM**

21 Saturday

Hummel – TE deum in D Major; Mozart – Regina Coeli, K276; Mozart – Grand Mass, K427, San José Symphonic Choir, Cal Arte Ensemble, Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, 80 S Market St., San Jose, **7:30 PM,** , Tickets <https://sanjosetheaters.org/theaters/california-theatre/>

22 Sunday

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim,** organ, piano, Harpsicord, Works of Bach, **CSMA, 4 PM** \$10

25 Wednesday

Glenn Miller Orchestra, California Theater, 345 South First St., San Jose, **7 PM,** Tickets <https://sanjosetheaters.org/event/glenn-miller-2020/>, 408-792-4111, \$60-\$80

27 Friday

☉ **Student Recital,** at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian,** 27 March 2019 at **7:30 PM.**

29 Sunday

Brian Swager, harp, **CSMA, 4 PM** \$10

29 Sunday

Menol Brass, St. Bede, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen Chapter event, **4 PM**

April 2020

5 Sunday

Handel's Messiah, ➤ **Colin Whitby-Stevens,** organ and orchestra, **Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos,** 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, **7 PM,** Free but requires tickets contact messiahsing@pclg.org

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